

**Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost
&
Harvest
Thanksgiving**

October 11, 2026

8:00 & 9:30 am



**Epiphany Anglican Church
1290 Ogilvie Road, Ottawa
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Come Journey with Us!



Welcome to Epiphany! We are glad you are here today.

If you are visiting, please make yourself at home.

We have a vibrant children and youth program with Sunday School each week at our 9:30 am service.

Note that our 9:30 am service is live-streamed, recorded, and posted to social media

The Gathering of the Community

Our Diocese of Ottawa was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquin. **May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

♪ **Opening Hymn** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (B262) ♪

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray. God of Aaron, Miriam and Moses, you stayed the hand of your wrath when we fell into idolatry and discord. When we forgot our deliverance, your love for us remained. Transform us, so that our world may become a place of justice and peace. Welcome us to the feast you invite all to be gathered. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Exodus (32:1-14)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will

multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23** ♪

Refrain: Remember me, O God, with the favour you have for your people.

Hallelujah! We thank you, O God for you are good, for your mercy endures for ever. Who can declare your mighty acts or show forth all your praise? **R**

Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right! Remember me, O God, with the favour you have for your people, and visit me with your saving help; **R**

That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance. We have sinned as our forbears did; we have done wrong and dealt wickedly. **R**

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshipped a molten image; And so they exchanged their Glory for the image of an ox that feeds on grass. **R**

They forgot God their saviour, who had done great things in Egypt, wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, and fearful things in the Red Sea. **R**

So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood before you in the breach, to turn away your wrath from consuming them. **R**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (4:1-9)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the

gospel, to together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ Gospel Acclamation: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** ♪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:1-14). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the

wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Anthem: I Will Live My Thanks

I will live my thanks, O Lord. I will show my gratitude.
In every day, in every way, I will live my thanks to you.
I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do.
With songs of praise and acts of grace, I will live my thanks to you.
I will live my thanks, O Lord, with my willing hands and feet.
In every day, in every way, I will spread your joy and peace.
I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do.
With songs of praise and acts of grace, I will live my thanks to you.
You have blessed me that I may be a blessing,
filled my heart that love might overflow.
You have given that I might give to others;
You have touched me that I might be an instrument of hope.
And I will live my thanks, O Lord. I will show my gratitude.
In every day, in every way, I will live my thanks to you.
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The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

We give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths, including our relationship with St. Thekla Orthodox, as signs of unity and hope. We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan and Shane, our Primate. We pray for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, our diocesan partner. We pray for our Community Ministries: Belong Ottawa, Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre & the Refugee Ministry Office. We pray for St. Margaret's, Vanier with the Reverend Colin McFarland. We pray for our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, and for all who lead ministry here. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for local and global peace efforts. Uplift the voices of indigenous communities and theologians, and further the work of truth-telling and reparations in solidarity with all our siblings. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for your tender care. Accompany all who travel, comfort all for whom this is a lonely season, and assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love. Tend to those who have asked for our prayers: **Jody** (Shaw), **Pierre** (Poirier), **Ghassan, Aaron** (Blakely) **& Family**, **Fred** (Sherman), **José** (Rodrigues), **Lisa** (Van Alstine), **Rita & Colin** (Hurst), **Betiel** (Gideon), **the Douglas Family**, **Julie** (Foster), **Faith, Miroslav** (Slejska), **Mary** (Jonah), **Maria, Riccardo, Margareth, Ambar, Tendeh, Janine & Mike, Linda** (Tasovac), **Ruth, Curtis, Rhonda & Darcy** (Colenutt), **Nicole** (Asite), **Don** (Raymond) **& Family**, **Kathy & Family**, **Jonathan** (René de Cotret), **Rob** (W), **Bobby, Saindass** (Aeri), **Ryan** (Thompson), **Scott** (Armstrong), **Vanessa & Talhia** (L), **Celestine** (Bynoe), **Michael** (Blakely), **Joanne** (Lewis), **Marjolaine, Jilleen, Bob** (Blackie), **Yagu** (Coker), **Andrea** (Mackellar), **Evett** (Hurst), **Stephen** (Jolicoeur), **Linda** (Plourde), **Belinda** (Cone) and any others we name aloud or in our hearts. *A brief silence.* God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for ministries working to end food insecurity, especially the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard. Open our hearts to your abundance and our minds to new ways of sharing that abundance for the good of all. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. The flowers on the altar are given by Sri Mukherjee in loving memory of Rekha and David Shome and Juthika Mukherjee, and by Jos Cleary in loving memory of his wife, Sharon. The candle on the altar is lit in loving memory Seybrina Cone, family member of Jestina Agbaje. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

We remember to share the Peace with those worshiping online.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

♪ **Offertory Hymn** We Plough the Fields and Scatter (B258) ♪

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.

He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

He only is the maker of all things near and far.

He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.

The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. **R**

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time, and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
and what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts. **R**

The Prayer over the Gifts

You are invited to place your financial gift

on the collection plate near the baptismal font before or after service.

God of constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing, ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** ♪

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.** ♪

at 8:00 am

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

at 9:30 am

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing:

♪ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen.** ♪

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst." **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (x2) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.** ♪

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in bread and/or wine. If you'd prefer not to receive, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Let Rev. Simone know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The sidespeople will direct you to receive around the altar.

♪ **Communion Hymn** Accept Our Thanks ♪

For golden grains, the fruit of winter's sowing,
For gentle rain descending from above,
For mountain peaks and mighty rivers flowing,
Accept our thanks, O Father of Love.

For mountain peaks and mighty rivers flowing,
Accept our thanks, O Father of Love.

For bread this day and strength to meet the morrow,
We kneel to pray before thy holy shrine,
For endless life dispelling fear and sorrow,
Accept our thanks, O Father Divine.

For endless life dispelling fear and sorrow,
Accept our thanks, O Father Divine.

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing & Announcements

♪ **Closing Hymn** Sent Forth by God's Blessing (R232) ♪

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended; O, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us; and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us; with your light now lead us.
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honour to Christ and that name which we bear.

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Announcements

October 17 Raise the Roof Dinner We're inviting you to be part of a Thanksgiving Potluck at Epiphany on Saturday, October 17th at 5:30 pm. This evening promises to be full of fun and celebration, with a special musical guest. We'll hear about the incredible success of our Lightning Pledge Drive this summer which positions us well to continue the work on our 'Raise the Roof' building restoration project. As we gather on the 17th, we invite you to imagine what we hope to be thankful for in 2030: a vibrant parish, a well-cared-for building, a roof over our heads, and a church ready to welcome the next generation. We hope you will join us for this special evening and be part of what comes next. And yes, kids are welcome!

Save-the-Date: Epiphany Christmas Bazaar on December 5

Planning is well underway, and artisan vendor tables are filling up fast. If you'd like to participate as a vendor, contact Cara at cara.pelletier@outlook.com (or 613-265-4762) without delay! Rental fees are only \$25 per table/space. Come, be part of the merry festivities!

Another Reminder about Phishing Scams I am sad to have to share yet another reminder to be mindful of email phishing scams. We've had more reports of emails coming from "Rev. Simone Hurkmans" asking people to help with "requests" or to purchase gift cards. The best way to make sure something is indeed coming from me is to check that the sender's email address is correct. I will only send emails from my church email account: simone.hurkmans@epiphanyanglican.ca. Clergy will never ask you to purchase gift cards or transfer money to them. Please call or text me or Cindy in the office if you are in doubt.

Greeters Needed Are you looking for a way to get involved at Epiphany? We are looking for friendly faces to greet folks as they come in for our 9:30 am services. Our warm welcome is one of Epiphany's greatest assets - please consider serving in this role and speak with Jos Cleary or Cindy Hurst Boyd for more info.

Epiphany Bible Study Group *New Time* We meet on Thursday evenings at 5:45 pm (note new time) till 7:15 pm in the worship space for a light meal followed by our liturgical study. All are welcome! See Dianne Woods or Sylvie Pelletier with questions and email epiphanystudygroup@gmail.com to be added to our contact list.

Creative Connections Tuesdays between 10 am & noon. All are welcome to come and enjoy a cup of coffee and join in a friendly game of cards, chess, join the group at the crafting table, or work on a jigsaw puzzle. The more the merrier!

Get in Touch & Get Involved!

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Giving to Epiphany

Did you know that Epiphany’s activities and outreach are entirely funded by parishioner donations? There are many ways to help:

e-transfer epiphanyanglican@gmail.com,
automatic giving (email office@epiphanyanglican.ca),
or placing a gift on the collection plate.
All gifts are important and appreciated!

Assisting in Ministry at 9:30 am Today

Greeter	Maria DaSilva
Altar Guild	Lina Trépanier, Violet Shaw, Wendy Green
Crucifer	Judy Lee
Sidespeople	Jos Cleary, Bill Eggleton
Readers	Cara Pelletier, Violet Shaw
Psalmist	Steve Heiter
Prayer Leader	Rose Dennis
Communion Assistants	Kitty Galt, Caroline Gibbs
Coffee Hosts	Don Lee, Judith Young, Anne Fairlie
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Contact Form

Are you new to Epiphany? Have you moved or changed coordinates, or would you like a name tag? How about becoming involved in a particular way or have ideas for our parish and community? Use the form below & place it on the offering plate.

Name

Email Address

Tel Number (optional)

Address (optional)

I would like a name tag	Yes	Not at this time
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I would like a call from the priest	Yes	Not at this time
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